

Dave Schaller

Brian Hughes '77 prepares his entry in the annual 2.70 (Introduction to Design) Contest, which he won. The purpose of the contest was to design a device which would push an opponent's device past the midpoint of the track. Each 'device' included a can filled with sand. Hughes' device beat the second place entry by only 1 millimeter.

Engineering plans expanded co-op

By Henry Fiorentini

The plan to consolidate the individual engineering departments' co-operative programs is proceeding on schedule and should be in effect next year, according to Associate Dean of Engineering James P. Bruce.

Bruce said the School of Engineering hopes that this change will get more students and companies interested in the co-operative program.

The purpose of the co-op program is to provide students, mostly undergraduates, with "hands on" or "on the job" experience. The Electrical Engineering co-op program (VI-A), the largest at MIT, currently involves 130 students. A student's involvement in the co-operative program begins in February of the sophomore year with a general orientation and explanation of the program structure, followed by formal interviews between the applicants and the prospective employers. To be in co-op, a student must be selected by one of the companies. After that, the student must work two terms at the company while working for an SB, or four terms if he is working in a combined SB and SM program.

John Tucker, Director of Course VI-A, says that last year 35 students of 89 applicants were accepted into the program, about 45 to 48 per cent of all Course 6 sophomores. Acceptance usually averages a little over 50%, Tucker said.

Presently there are four engineering departments with co-op programs: Mechanical, Electrical, Ocean, and Aeronautics and Astronautics. The Electrical Engineering co-op program is by far the largest, with ten times as many students than the rest of the departments combined.

According to Bruce, there should not be too much difficulty in converting to a uniform system, as the new program will follow the same procedures currently used by VI-A and the Ocean Engineering program. Modification of the other two department programs should not delay the proceedings, and Bruce expressed hope that the four remaining engineering departments will join the co-op program.

At present, each co-op department operates its own affairs in recruiting, managing, and promoting, independent of the others. Bruce stated that the new system will reduce overhead and will form a single policy for the departments, making it easier for prospective employers to deal with the Institute.

Since a company rarely needs only one type of engineer, Bruce noted, such a company now has to deal with as many different departments as it wants types of engineers, which is an administrative load that many companies want to avoid. The expected result, Bruce continued, is an increase in the number of
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Committee to review FAC

By Mike McNamee

Services and activities offered by the Freshman Advisory Council are being studied by a special Steering Committee to examine how well the office is meeting the Institute's needs.

A five-member committee has been appointed by Chancellor Paul E. Gray '54 "to stand in for the chairman of the FAC and to consider the basic concepts of the council and how well they're being met," according to Associate Provost Hartley Rogers Jr., who heads the group.

The committee, which has been meeting "more or less weekly" since the beginning of the semester, will look at how the FAC has evolved since it was established about eight years ago, and what changes need to be made, if any, to streamline and improve its operations.

The Steering Committee is formally acting in place of the Chairman of the Council, a post that was left vacant this year. But, as Rogers said, "We've been asked to go beyond what a chairman might do, to consider the basic concept of the FAC, what the job is and how it's done, and to suggest changes we might see need doing."

The group will probably not study the educational reforms of the last several years which the FAC implements — freshman Pass/Fail, freshman evaluations, credit limits, and so forth. But,

according to Associate Dean Peter Buttner, Executive Officer of the FAC, it will examine such questions as "who serves as advisors, whether faculty should be required to serve as advisors, what is the advisors role, and what should it be."

Buttner said the committee would probably study budgetary considerations, especially in terms of "satellite services" which the FAC has provided over the last several years. "The Freshman Handbook is an example of something that we do which could be studied — could someone else do it better, could we do it in some other way, how should that kind of information be communicated," Buttner explained. "We have to look at the FAC operations in terms of what's going on elsewhere at the Institute, what other people are doing that might affect our services."

Budgetary pressures have already forced the FAC's operations to constrict "in some small ways," Buttner said. "We haven't been expanding things in the last two years," he explained, "and we're cutting back on things like luncheons for advisors to get together with their advisees. We're trying to anticipate what will have to be cut — there's no doubt that the cuts will come."

Rogers told *The Tech* that the committee was not operating

under any formal instructions to bring a report to the faculty. "We think that there will be better communications with the faculty in having this group here for them to talk to," he said. Buttner said he expected a report from the group "at some point," explaining that if the committee decides on specific changes to be made in the FAC structure, "we'd have to tell other people about it, and the only real way to communicate around here is in writing."

'Unity' group fires discord

By Mike McNamee

An international conference on "the unity of the sciences" is promoting strong disunity in the scientific world — and raising serious questions about the extent to which politics should influence the planning of scholarly meetings.

The Fourth International Conference of the Unity of the Sciences, sponsored by Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon's International Cultural Foundation, is making many scientists question whether they should attend meetings where the political views of the sponsor may be called into question.

The Rev. Moon is head of the super-fundamentalist World Unification Church, the group charged with "brainwashing" some of its followers to make them devoted to the sect's teaching. He is also a staunch supporter of both President Park of his native South Korea and ex-President Nixon of his adopted United States, and an implacable foe of "international Communism."

Moon's political views have been criticized in the past — as, for example, they were in the summer of 1974 when he brought 536 of his followers to Washington for a daily prayer vigil on the steps of the Capitol, where each disciple was assigned to pray for a Representative or Senator who would have to vote on impeachment, or for Nixon himself.

And the methods his church has used to get and hold follow-

ers are under heavy fire, as parents of some of his teen-aged adherents are waging court battles to force their children to return home. Some parents have gone so far as to hire "deprogrammers" to "un-brainwash" their children and woo them away from the Unification Church.

But those criticisms haven't concerned the scientists who, in the last three years, met at the First, Second and Third International Conferences in Tokyo, London, and New York. The participants' lists for those meetings have included Nobel laureates, eminent scientists, renowned authors and scholars from all over the world.

This year's conference, however, has been badly hit by the questions raised by the Church's activities and politics, with withdrawals from the conference's guest list and controversy over whether Moon would be "unworthy" to sponsor such a meeting.

As a result, many of the 360 scientists from 53 nations who had accepted invitations to attend the meeting, which will be held Nov. 27 to 30 in New York, have withdrawn. And many of the participants who are still on board have expressed fears that the bad publicity and the debate over sponsorship might wreck the meeting when it is finally held.

Early planning for the Fourth International Conference gave no indication that it would have any more difficulties than the

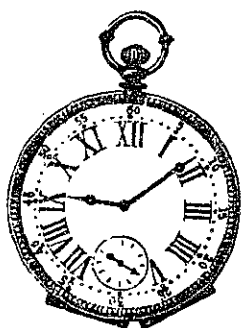
First, Second, or Third. Four scholars — Nobel laureate physicist Eugene P. Wigner of Princeton University, Director Amitai Etzioni of the Center for Policy Research, at Columbia University, former head of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Alvin M. Weinberg, and Professor Kenneth E. Boulding of the University of Colorado — had agreed to serve as section chairmen for the meeting. As of August, the sponsoring foundation announced that 360 scholars were to attend the meeting, which was costing the foundation about \$400,000.

But rumors began to circulate over the summer about Rev. Moon's background and financing, and many participants grew worried over the publicity being given to the "deprogrammings" court battles. Moon's statement at a Washington prayer breakfast that then-President Nixon had a "divine right" to govern was circulated, and his close links to the Park dictatorship in Korea were mentioned.

The four section chairmen moved to block the criticism. In a letter of assurance — on stationery listing names of more than 100 conference participants — they told participants that "the sponsoring organization, the International Cultural Foundation... has allowed the organizers of the conference complete freedom of expression, agenda, and organization."

"We wish to assure the 360 scientists and scholars from 53
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Police Blotter

(The Police Blotter is a report written by the Campus Patrol on crimes, incidents and actions on the MIT campus each week.)

A Sergeant investigating suspicious circumstances in the Westgate I parking lot last Thursday evening surprised two thieves attempting to steal a motor vehicle. In response to his orders to them to get out of the car and keep their hands in sight, one of the pair bolted and ran towards Memorial Drive. The other suddenly pulled from his belt a .45 caliber automatic, and pointed it at the Sergeant, declaring that he "wasn't going anywhere with a cop." Despite the orders of the gunman for him to back up, the Sergeant told him to drop the weapon and surrender, in order to avoid

bloodshed.

After several tense moments the youth finally complied, dropping the gun to the ground. Placed under arrest, he was charged with Illegal Possession of a Firearm; Attempted Larceny of a Motor Vehicle; Possession of Burglary Tools; Assault by Means of a Dangerous Weapon; and Assault with Intent to Commit Murder.

At his arraignment at the Third District on Friday, it was revealed that the Defendant was already wanted as a Fugitive from Justice, having earlier escaped from the Worcester Correctional Institution. Determined to be a juvenile, he has been released on bail, and his case rescheduled for subsequent trial.

Car stolen

A 1969 Mercury Cougar, left on the river side of Memorial Drive near to the intersection of Massachusetts Ave., was found by its owner to have been stolen when he returned to its former parking place after an eight hour absence.

Offices robbed

Open and unattended offices in Building 20 were the targets of sneak thieves on Monday between 11am and 12:30pm, who from them removed two ladies' handbags, each containing wallets, checkbooks, personal papers, and small amounts of cash.

Tools removed from shop

A locked machine shop in the Main Complex suffered the nighttime loss of tools valued well in excess of \$500 late last week. While there were no signs of forceable entry into the shop itself, the case which held the tools was dismantled by the thieves.

Westgate residents accosted

Two Westgate residents leaving their apartments on Audrey St. were accosted by knife wielding men late Thursday night, as the victims were entering their parked automobile. After taking the cash carried by the residents, the pair fled in a car driven by an accomplice.

Co-op consolidation expected next year

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employers working through the Institute, to the benefit of the students.

Tucker agreed that the combined co-op program will represent a better view to an outside company, which would rather deal with a single office. With proper co-operation, he said, there should be no interdepartmental difficulties.

The idea of consolidating the co-op programs has been considered off and on for the past two years. In a school-wide meeting last May, "overwhelming consent," was given for the Dean to implement the program. As Bruce put it, "The ball is in our court." While the new program is scheduled to go into effect for the next academic year, a final decision should be made by December.

The only potential problem which Bruce could foresee is the over-expansion of the program to the point where individual attention is overlooked. "If individual attention is overlooked, we're in trouble," Bruce warned. "Individual attention is important."

Other than that, the new program must touch base with the Committee on Curricula, and other administrative personnel, but since it is only a refinement of the existing program, this should not present any delay.

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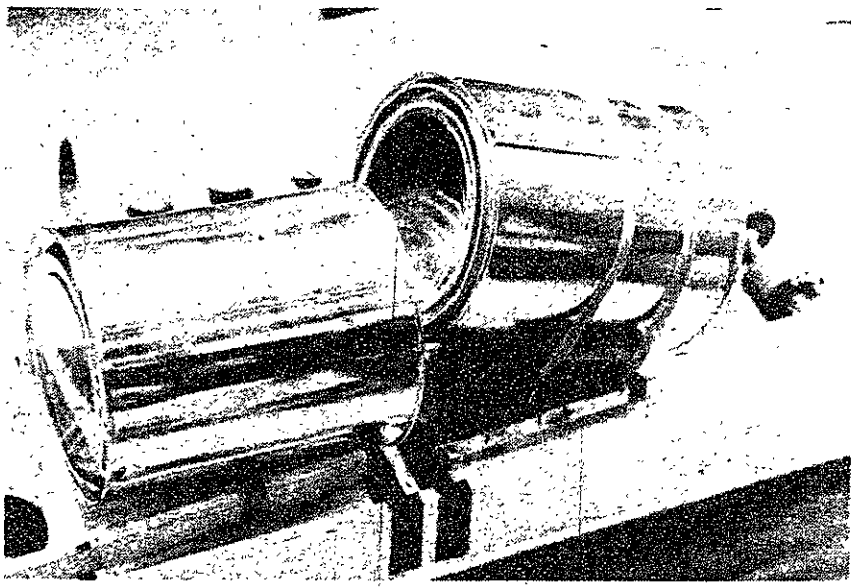
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Scholars far apart over unity meeting

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countries who have accepted invitations," the letter continued, "that they will have complete freedom to express their views at the conference."

But the letter, rather than stopping withdrawals, has seemed to increase them. Many of the scholars seemed to have been unaware of Moon's involvement with the sponsorship; when they found out about it, they withdrew. The growing stream of scholars backing out on the meeting has become an issue itself, to the point where some withdrawals have been based on the controversy over whether or not to withdraw.

At the time of the letter of assurance, all four section chairmen were standing fast against the critics. But since that time, two of the chairmen — Boulding and Etzioni — have made widely publicized withdrawals, Boulding because of the primary issue of sponsorship and Etzioni because "too much division and controversy has been generated for a productive meeting which would encompass all views of the community."

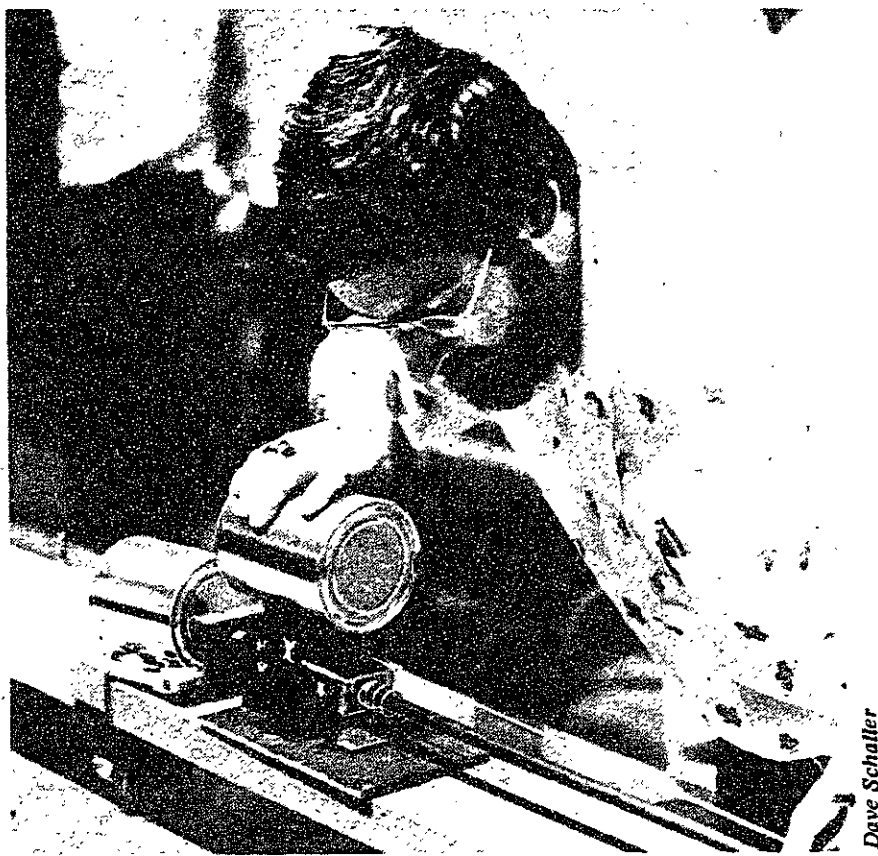
The conference will go on, however. Michael Warder, Secretary-General of the meeting and a member of the four-

tion, told *The Tech* that Boulding and Etzioni have been replaced, that there were still 360 participants signed on — "it's impossible to say how many have switched," he said, "since these peoples' schedules are so fluid" — from 56 countries, and 90 papers have been received for consideration. The nature of the meeting, Warder said, "makes it imperative that we go on."

"This conference is unique," Warder said. "It's very rare to see 56 nations represented at an interdisciplinary meeting, and the subject matter of science and values is extremely vital material. Technology is taking us off in many different directions, and we need such discussions to see which way the world is going."

Warder discounted the controversy over Moon's sponsorship, saying that "a variety of sources of funding for these meetings is healthy." "No one has ever challenged the essential fact," he said, "that participants have had complete freedom of expression at all our conferences."

The results of the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of Sciences will be seen in a little more than a month. But the results of the questions it has raised — what influence should the politics of a sponsor have on participation in a scholarly conference — will be echoing in the scientific world for months and years to come.



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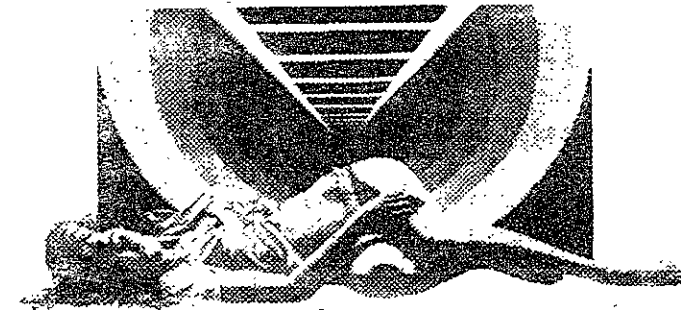
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Opinion

Threatening moves shake 'sixth school'

By Michael McNamee

Student activities have always been a bright spot in the generally-dull environment of MIT. Even last year's alumni survey, a document with shocking comments to make about lifestyle at the Institute — "I found it an impersonal, cold and unfriendly place," one alumnus said, reflecting many responses to the survey — admitted that the role of student activities was an important one in helping the hard-pressed MIT student relax from his studies.

And official MIT has generally been aware of this role and protected it. One of the many pieces of MIT rhetoric one comes across often is the reference to "the sixth school" of extracurricular activities, right up there with Science, Engineering, Management and the rest. Many of the Institute's top administrators, including Chancellor Paul Gray '54 and Vice President and Dean Kenneth Wadleigh '43, have worked their way up through the Office of Student Affairs, where concern for activities could be expected to be higher than in many other areas.

But two recent developments, one administrative and one academic, are raising questions about the level of support that activities will be getting in these post-wealthy days at the Institute. And if students are going to move to stop these trends, they're going to have to move now while there's still time.

The administrative development is easy to pin-point, but its effects are going to be difficult to assess. That development is the move — currently in the "preliminary study" phase — to separate "activities fees" from general tuition and include it as a separate item on a student's bill.

Speculation is all we have so far on the motives behind considering such a move, and most of the speculation has favored a benign administration. Associate Dean Robert Holden calls the move a "defense" of student activities, setting a floor for funds available to them. A less charitable viewer might point out that floors have a way of becoming ceilings, and that this particular floor could go so far as to become a tourniquet, cutting off the circulation it was supposed to guarantee.

Separating activities fees from tuition looks like a move in the direction of opening debate, allowing more discussion on the financial matters of the Institute — a bone thrown to help keep students in the dark about the larger affairs of MIT. The debate, if it came, would be one-sided, with the administration controlling the facts and figures, the grounds for the discussion, and the overwhelming advantage of apathy — of that large mass of students who just don't give a damn and probably think they're improving their lot by cutting fees all they can.

Not only can the administration outvote the activities, but it has an enormous incentive to do so — the public-relations advantage of "holding the line on student fees," or holding activities fees steady while tuition goes up \$400 to \$500. And the tourniquet tightens.

The next step is even easier to predict. The same mass of apathetic students — the wad — could easily see the advantages of doing away with all activities fees, and easily go along with any "leader" willing to run on such a platform. Whether or not the administration would go along is open to question — but think of the opportunity for them to just this once listen to the results of a student vote and take it seriously. Couldn't happen here, you say? It's happened elsewhere, and UA campaigns have been won on far lesser issues. The tourniquet is taken off after the patient dies.

The academic move is more difficult to spot, but easier to assess in its effect. More and more faculty, in the interests of avoiding "conflicts," are scheduling their classes at night. They're missing the academic conflicts, which is fine and dandy, but shoving themselves square into a conflict with the "sixth school," which unfortunately can't fight back. Many activities are now finding themselves in need of something like the Schedules Office's computer just to get a meeting together without forcing half their members to choose between classes and extracurriculars. The computer isn't so busy these days, so maybe...

If students are going to stop these encroachments, they're going to have to move now, and activity leaders are going to have to lead the way. The wad isn't going to stir itself — it would rather have nights in class than nights studying, anyway — and the administration is going to be watching rising costs, not falling memberships.

Budgeting and scheduling the Institute are delicate jobs, but neither is as sensitive — or as important — as persuading MIT students that there's more to life than problem sets. Building MIT's fiscal endowment while helping convert its human endowment into zombies may keep the Institute afloat — but why bother?

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Mike Peters

AWAITING THE FALL OF THE CITY, DOZENS OF AMERICAN HELICOPTERS HAVE BEGUN EVACUATING PERSONNEL AND DEPENDENTS FROM THE ROOF OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AS DESPERATE CITIZENS STORM THE WALLS OF THE COMPOUND PLADING FOR U.S. AID.... BUT EXCEPT FOR A HANDFUL OF BRAVE NEWSMEN AND MISSIONARIES, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S PRESENCE HAS FINALLY COME TO AN END HERE IN NEW YORK....



Bias, forward and reverse

By Philip G. Hampton, II

I am gratified to be receiving correspondence concerning *The Black Side* after only two columns, for it shows that people are reading about black concerns at MIT. (See letters on page 5). This is the purpose of *The Black Side*, to lessen the overall ignorance about Black people that I have found to pervade the MIT community.

I am equally appalled, however, by the horrendous misinterpretation and misunderstanding of the issues I have presented by some members of the community. It is hard to believe that supposed brilliant MIT minds can be narrow, closed, and bigoted. I will not attempt to answer the letters (see opposite page) in full because they are so blatantly ridiculous, but a few points must be emphasized.

First of all, Mr. Abraham implies that I advocate the admission of unqualified blacks. Neither I, nor the Black Students' Union, have ever suggested that unqualified students of any race be admitted to MIT. Notice, too, that I did not suggest MIT lower its admissions standards. I ask only that MIT keep its doors open to students of all races who have demonstrated potential, but lack certain math or science skills, because they had the misfortune of attending inferior high schools. Should such unfortunate persons be denied ad-



missions to MIT? Should MIT and the American society as a whole turn its back on potential contributors to society because of race, class, or environment?

Mr. Abraham's accusation that unqualified blacks have denied entrance to qualified whites is not true on two counts. First, MIT has never admitted unqualified persons of any race. Second, MIT has always had to deny admissions to qualified applicants because of space limitations. I only request that none of the qualified applicants to whom admission to MIT denied is from a minority group.

Ms. Kayton, don't feel left out. Do you really think that I was suggesting that MIT not build classrooms or laboratories? If your deductive reasoning is so poor, then perhaps MIT has already admitted unqualified persons. My statement meant only to serve as an example of the fact the MIT can find money for anything that it really wants. And it claims to really want more black undergraduates. (see *The Report of the President and*

Chancellor in Wednesday's Tech Talk).

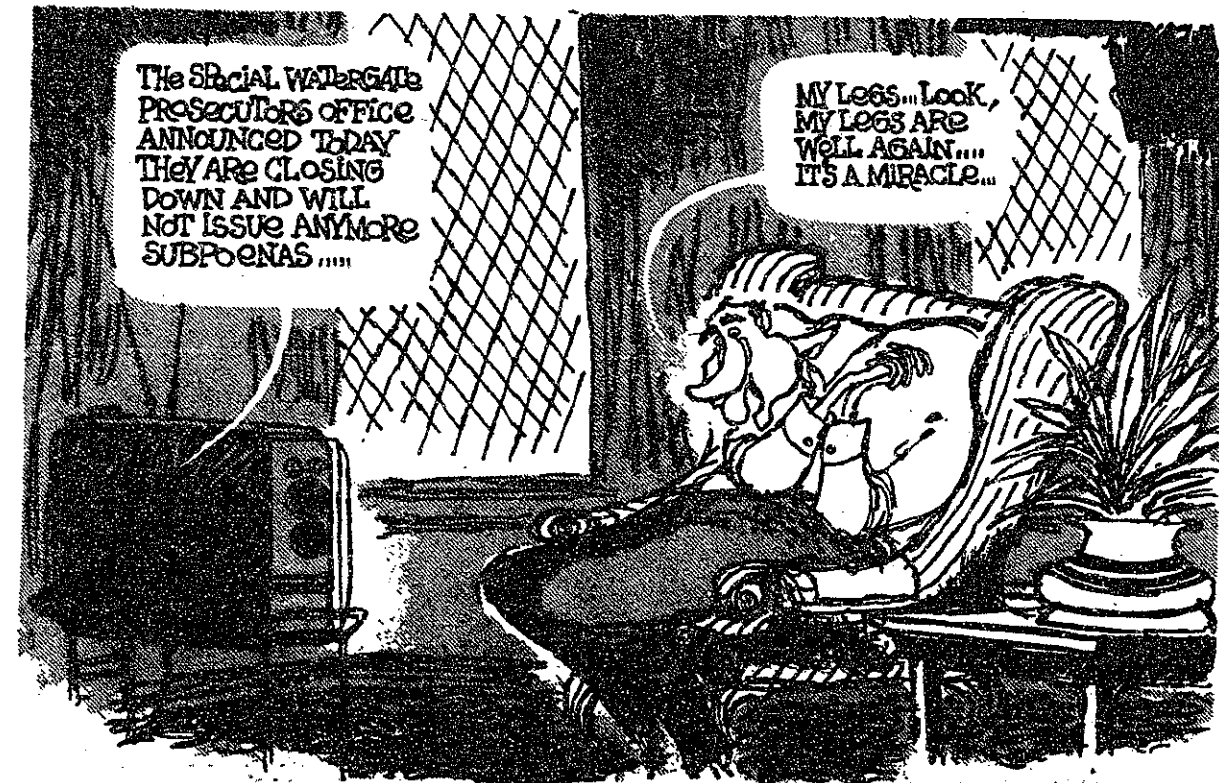
Susan Kayton also accuses Kappa Alpha Psi as being a separatist, black fraternity. Simple investigation shows how unjustified her accusation is. Although this fraternity was started by ten black men in 1911, it has always had its membership open to men of all races, colors, and creeds who possessed high moral character. How many other MIT frats can make that statement?

To both Ms. Kayton and Mr. Abraham, and to the precious few (?) other persons with similar beliefs, I have just two additional comments. First, I am not asking for any type of reverse discrimination. I ask only that MIT back its well written affirmative action plans with sincere programs and a few dollars. And second, please keep reading — you may yet begin to learn, to feel, to think what it actually means to be black in America, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The President and the Chancellor made their annual report Wednesday. It was basically a good document from two men I believe to be sincere in their commitment to the idea of affirmative action. I was distressed, however, with their admission of failure to increase black enrollment at MIT.

Although I agree that the (Please turn to page 5)

Mike Peters



Letters to The Tech

Reverse Bias Doesn't Aid Anyone, Writers Say

To the Editors:

In last Friday's The Black Side column, the author complains about the lack of "concern for equality" at MIT and then asks why blacks don't get more special treatment. Doesn't he know that it's against the law to discriminate?

If you, the editors, would like to be really liberal-minded, why not have a column for American Indian students, for left-handed Lithuanians, for Armenian midgets... the possibilities are infinite.

The author goes on to complain that MIT spends money building classroom buildings and dorms and says that instead the

money should be spent to increase class size. This does not seem to be good economic policy.

Also mentioned in the article is a new black frat, KAP. I don't understand how some people can get so irate about separate but equal policies and then institute them themselves.

Although it is a commendable idea for the Institute to provide all-expenses paid trips to MIT for prospective students, to do so for only one minority group is to deny equality of opportunity to the majority and other minorities. Let's not discriminate to end discrimination.

Susan L. Kayton '78

To the Editor:

The tone of the column in The Tech last Friday (Oct. 17) about Black admissions policy really put me off. The author felt that Black people deserved special attention in admissions and special allowances in academics. What he stated as "concern for equality," is in fact a "concern for inequality." He feels that MIT is enjoined to overcompensate for society's inequities through the allocation of a disproportionate amount of its resources to this select group and through adopting a quota system for their admission.

The very act of proscribing a given percentage as "too small" implies the existence of a correct, minimum percentage (quota). If a quota system is in operation, then by definition that implies that some "underqualified persons" (according to the standards set up by the Institute) are admitted. (If they were within the Institute standards, they would be admitted through the regular process and the "desirable" percentage would naturally result).

To seek these persons out, convince them they want to attend MIT and to try to "patch up" their background to put them at the level of the rest of the class takes some resources away from others but, more importantly, changes the philosophy of the admissions office from one of across the board equality to special treatment for some, that infringes on the rights and opportunities of the majority.

This selective treatment (by its very existence) denies some-

one entrance who could have better benefited from the institution, potentially denies society of a contribution and probably frustrates the individual who is not only below the mean, but is actually at the bottom of the class.

Careful evaluation of procedures to insure that no minor-

ity group is disproportionately excluded from opportunities is definitely necessary, but the recent thought that past inequities must be made up for by tipping the scales in the other direction is just as inequitable, and potentially destructive.

Jesse Abraham '76
Oct. 20, 1975

Blacks ask help, not discrimination

(Continued from page 4)

pool of qualified black students is small, I believe that saying a plateau in black undergraduate recruitment has been reached is unjustified. The MIT Black Students' Union has developed a set of proposals which will result in increased black presence at MIT. If immediately implemented, the central theme of these proposals is that black students, faculty, and staff must be used in all phases of recruitment. Current black students and faculty must be put in touch with prospective black high schoolers.

In this way, the black community at large will begin to realize that there are blacks at MIT, that black people can make it as engineers and scientists, and

that there are definite economic and sociopolitical rewards in a science/engineering career. Such a realization helps to overcome the general ignorance of the black community about science and engineering, and therefore increasing the overall black applicant pool. Unfortunately, by conceding that it will take a decade to reach affirmative action goals, the report may lead certain elements of the Institute to lessen their attempts to find qualified minority group persons. I hope Drs. Wiesner and Gray will not allow this to occur, but will work ever harder to open up all levels of the Institute to all groups of people.

(Philip Hampton '76 is a columnist for The Tech.)

Acceptable Dangers

To the Editor:

The Oct. 7 issue of The Tech reported two student deaths: one due to apparent nitrous oxide poisoning, the other resulting from a mountain climbing accident. An important point is illustrated by the contrast in official reactions to these deaths.

When questioned about the "laughing gas" fatality, Campus Patrol spoke of measures such as the confiscation of nitrous oxide tanks from students in order to discourage recreational use of the gas. However the mountain-climbing fatality did not provoke plans to confiscate students' hiking gear; rather, reaction to that incident stressed the safety precautions taken to reduce the danger to "one in a hundred thousand" unpreventable accidents.

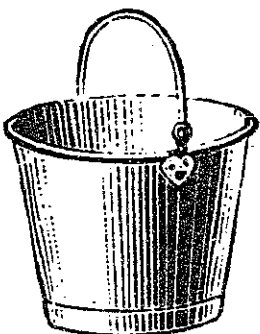
My impression is that this disparity reflects less the relative danger of the two recreations in question than the cultural judgement that one is more "worthwhile" than the other and therefore justifies a risk while the other does not. I suspect

that no evidence exists that laughing gas is inherently more dangerous than mountain climbing — or, more importantly, that it would be more dangerous if used recreationally in conjunction with safety precautions as rigorous as those developed for mountain climbing. The suppression of a hazardous activity simply because it is deemed less meritorious than another comparably dangerous but socially sanctioned activity is wrong — not only because this is a forcible imposition of mainstream cultural standards, but because it increases the danger of the unsanctioned activity by diverting attention from the development and teaching of reasonable safety measures.

Gary L. Drescher '76

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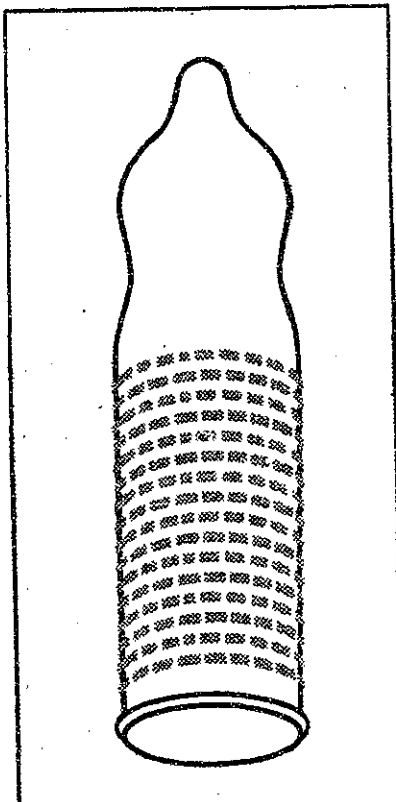
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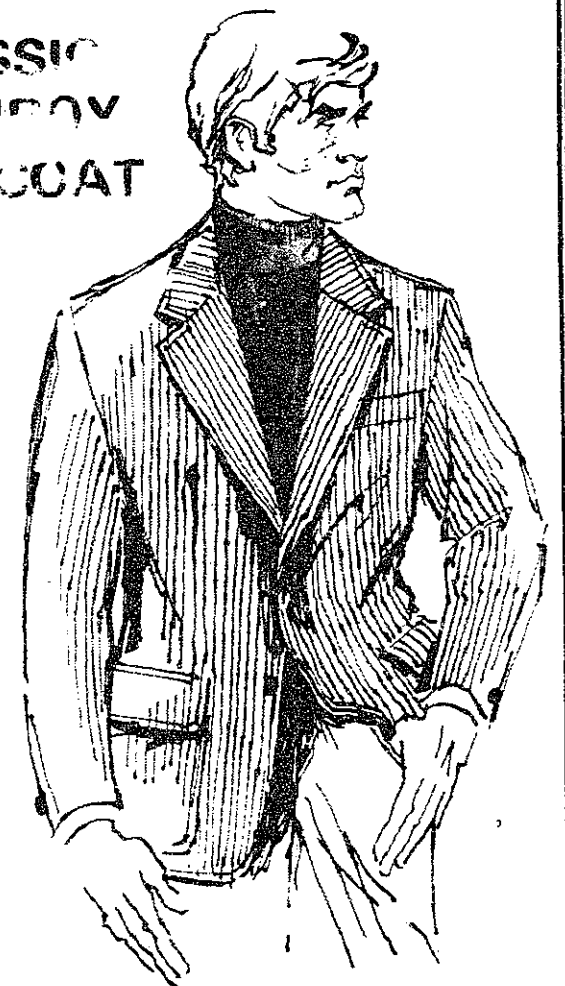
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Review

Kennedy's Children: Visions of Camelot

Kennedy's Children

Wilbur Theater through Oct. 25

By William Schaffner

Kennedy's Children is a play based on a theme previously considered untheatrical. Five people come into a bar in Greenwich Village, and for the next 2½ hours talk to the audience, but not to each other. This unusual technique provides the basis for one of the most thought provoking shows on the legitimate stage in recent years.

When the play opens, Wanda, a black substitute teacher, is sitting in the bar and talking to herself about the martyred president, John F. Kennedy. She is played expressively by Barbara Montgomery, who won an Obie award for her acting in 1974.

The second person to enter the bar is Sparger, a thirtyish actor whose life centers around

the off-off-off-Broadway shows he acts in, directs, or produces. Sparger is played by Donald Parker, who took the role in both the off-Broadway and London productions.

Mark, the next person to come into the bar, is a Vietnam veteran who befriends at nights the enemy he must kill the next day. Rona, a 'hippie' in her late 20's follows him in, and spends the evening reviewing the life she and her heroin addict, activist husband lived in the sixties. The quintet is rounded out by Shirley Knight, who plays Carla. Her greatest ambition in life is to become another Marilyn Monroe.

Kennedy's Children is the story of the Sixties, the Kennedy era, as seen through the eyes and monologues of these five people. No topic is sacred, nothing is "too hot to handle." Mark talks about his paranoia, which led to the murder of his best friend. Carla talks about her romps on the casting couch and her days as a go-go girl without self pity, and when she announces near the end of the play that she has taken seventy-four sleeping pills, the audience knows every step of her life that has led her to suicide.

Rona's first statement includes the fact that she comes

into the bar to pick up black boys because "there are so few straight white boys today." And she gives the audience a behind the lines scene of the college demonstrations and the intimate feeling of living with the people who would give their possessions and bodies to others, who in return would agree to turn on to LSD. But by far the most fascinating view of life is given to us by Sparger. He is an outcast from "straight middle class" society; he is a proud homosexual who realizes his addiction to theater, and who also knows that his external life style is a sham and an act.

Kennedy's Children is not entertainment. It is impossible to just sit and watch it; each person in the theater is totally involved. The problems the characters faced in their lives are our problems today too. We share with them the challenges of life and the desire to retreat to the simpler, purer days when Jack and Jackie reigned over a happy America.

The unique content of the show demands special treatment from the actors. Each character becomes a special universe, enclosed in a personal unbreachable space. Whether curled up on the floor in agony, or standing on a sabbat shouting in euphoria, none of the characters ever interact with each other except

through the connections their messages make in our minds.

Kennedy's Children originally opened in a small off-Broadway theater in 1963, but soon closed. For several years, the play was dormant, until a London producer decided to take the risk of backing a show with no interpersonal communication. The show opened to good notices in England and is scheduled to open on Broadway in early November.

The Broadway bound version incorporates two effects which would be difficult to duplicate anywhere else but a large theater. The set is a perfect reproduction of a bar, down to the lights on the juke box and the beer sign in the window. And the lighting, although slightly repetitious after a while, manages to pinpoint each character and adds effectively to the feelings of isolation basic to the show.

Kennedy's Children is a play to see. It appeals to the intellect within one, as well as the passion. Even more important, it allows the audience to see what has happened to their lives and to the lives of others since the Kennedy era, and points up the search for personal happiness upon which we all embark.

NOTES

* Wellesley College Fall Weekend has been scheduled for Friday-Sunday, Nov. 7-9, with the following events planned: Friday: 4:30-6:30 - TSIF Happy Hour at Schneider; 9:30 - Vice President's Mixer at Tower Court; 10 - Coffeehouse, with Becken at Schneider; Saturday: 12-4 - Scavenger Hunt, with teams of up to six people competing for prizes, starting at the President's House; 8:30-12 Sadie Hawkins Dance, Ladies Choice all night, at Alumnae Hall; 10:30 - Occult Night at Schneider; 11 - Cabaret, a semi-formal dance, in Ethos; 11pm-5am - Films in 112 Pendleton. Sunday: 12 - Log Chopping Contest at Schneider Tennis Courts; 12-5 - Society for Creative Anachronism Tournament at Jewett MIT bus stop field; 2-4 - Jitterbug Workshop at Alumnae Hall; 6:30 - End-the Weekend Bonfire, bring your own marshmallows, Schneider Tennis Courts.

* Hillel will hold a conference with the Brandeis Peace Action Group at 11am on Oct. 26 in the Bush Room, 10-105. The topic is "Toward an Alternative Zionism in The Diaspora."

* "What Next?" a panel of alumnae from the last few years discuss their choices after graduation. Senior women in particular are invited, but everyone is welcome. Monday, Oct. 27, 4:30 in room 9-150.

* There will be a Jewish Women's Group Organizational Meeting at 7:30pm on Oct. 27 at Hillel, 312 Memorial Drive.

* "The Domestic Economic Crisis" will be the topic addressed by Frank Ackerman, co-editor of *Dollars and Sense*, a monthly bulletin of economic affairs published by members of the Union of Radical Political Economists, on Tuesday, Oct. 28, at 7:30pm in the West Lounge of the Student Center. This is the second of three talks on political economy in SACC's Social Issues Forum.

* NSF Graduate Fellowship pre-application forms are now available in the Graduate School Office, Room 5-136. The deadline date for final applications is Dec. 1.

* Boston University School of Music will present its second Faculty Recital of this season on Monday, Oct. 27 at 8pm. Pianist Maria Clodes will perform the *Suite in A Minor* by J.S. Bach; *Carnaval*, Op. 9 by Schumann and the *Complete Cycle of the Chordas* by Villa-Lobos. Admission to the concert is a \$5.00 contribution to the Scholarship Fund for the general public and \$1.00 for students. On Friday evening, Oct. 31, at 8pm Joseph Silverstein will conduct the Boston University Symphony Orchestra in its first concert of the season. The program will include *The Overture to the Bartered Bride* by Rossini; *Symphony No. 5* by Beethoven and the *Bartok Concerto for Orchestra*. This concert is open to the public free of charge. Both performances will take place at the Boston University School for the Arts Concert Hall, 855 Commonwealth Ave., Boston. For further information call 353-3345.

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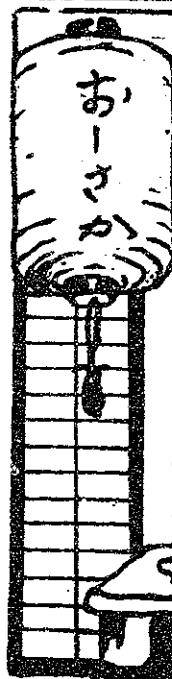
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Women's volleyball wins fourth straight

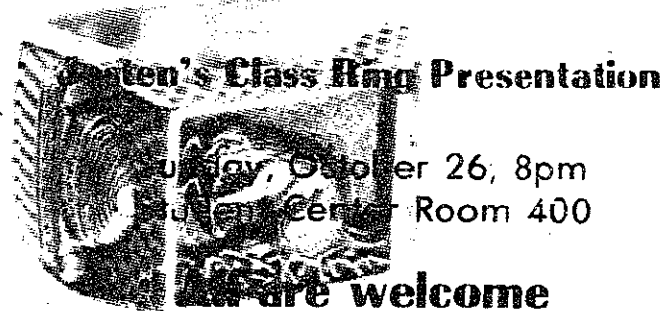
By Chris Tracey

The women's volleyball 'A' team won its fourth straight match Tuesday night, October 21, overpowering Regis 15-0, 15-1. The 'B' team followed with a 15-11, 15-11 victory over Regis 'B'. This brings each team's total season record to 4-0, both having previously defeated Gordon, Boston State, and Boston University.

The 'A' team has won all its matches in two games. The only team to score over five points against them in a game has been Boston State (13-10, 15-8). This is due both the coaching of David Castanon and his assistant Bob Cassells, and to the level of competition of which the team is capable. MIT is much more adept at setting up the play than its opponents, allowing the team to control a volley and use its abilities to set and spike. Notable is Sheila Luster '78, whose timing and strength on spikes stuns the opposition.

The 'B' team has also not allowed a match to go past two games. Although its game is not as smooth as the A team, the squad also sets and spikes effectively to stop the opposing team.

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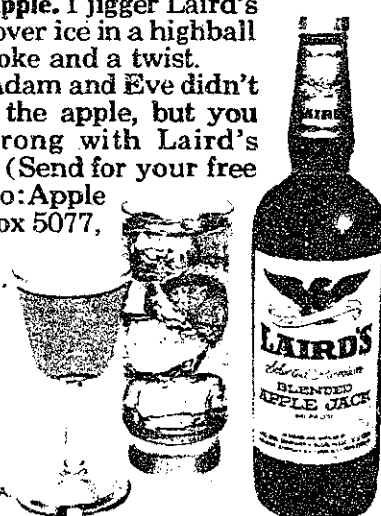
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Sports



Dave Schaller

MIT fullback Steve Bernays '79 tries to stop a charging Boston College forward in the Engineers' 1-0 win over BC Tuesday afternoon. The victory evened MIT's Greater Boston League record at 1-1.

Soccer tops Boston College, 1-0

By Gregg Fenton

(Gregg Fenton '77 is the manager of MIT's varsity soccer team.)

The MIT soccer team scored its first win Tuesday, 1-0 against Boston College. The tight game was low scoring largely because frequent foul calls against both sides kept both offenses from really moving.

The first half was played very evenly. MIT had very few scoring chances as they were caught offside thirteen times. One close chance occurred when Rich Okine '77 beat the Boston College fullback to a free ball, only to have his close angle shot go wide. Okine later reinjured his knee and will be out indefinitely.

BC had its best chances blocked by goalie Charlie Sommer '76 or booted out by alert defense. With Greg Hunter '76 back in the lineup as sweeper the fullback line appeared much better coordinated and effective. Despite his bad foot, Hunter was very effective keeping shots from the goal.

The second half started no differently than the first, except that MIT was able to avoid many of the offside calls. The only score came early when Steve

Rice '77 took a breakaway pass and put his shot just off the hands of the goalie who was rushing out. With the lead came spirit and confidence, for MIT was the stronger team for the rest of the game.

While the BC offense was being contained, the MIT offense made occasional good tries. The closest was a breakaway by Paul Culter, '77 which

ended in an easy save by the goalie after two fullbacks pressured the shot.

Now that the Engineers have finally won one of the close games, they hope to continue and improve their record. Now 1-1 in the Greater Boston League, but 1-3-1 overall, the next game will be Friday night on the artificially-turfed field of perennially strong Springfield College.

Head-of-Charles Sunday

By Glenn Brownstein

Over 2500 rowers will compete in the eleventh annual Head-of-the-Charles Regatta, the world's largest one-day rowing event, on the Charles River this Sunday.

There are more than 120 MIT-affiliated oarspeople competing in 13 of the 18 categories, including 37 women rowers. In addition, the 1973 varsity heavyweight team will reunite for the regatta, competing in the Elite Eight class. Also entered in the Elites is the 1975 second varsity heavyweight crew that travelled to Henley and Nottingham this summer.

Each shell entered in the

regatta must negotiate a three-mile upstream course from the Boston University Bridge to the Charles River Reservation. The competing shells are started 15 seconds apart and computers record the starting and finishing times of each boat.

Event starting times are scheduled from 10am to 4pm (all times Eastern Standard), and programs will be available at the start and at various other points along the way.

Sailors place 3rd in Coffee Urn; men reach national yawl finals

By Chris Donnelly

Last weekend the women's varsity sailing team finished third in the Victorian Coffee Urn Regatta at Radcliffe. The men competed in two major intercollegiate regattas, the McMillan Cup at Navy and the Nevins Trophy at King's Point.

The women faced ten schools from New England in the two day regatta sailed in Interclubs (boats similar to Tech Dinghies). Strong northeast winds on the Charles River caused many capsize throughout the ten race series. Barbara Belt '77 with crew Sally Husted '78 sailed in A-Division, while Alanna Connors '78 and Debbie Meyer-son '79 co-skipped in B-Division. Host school Radcliffe won the regatta followed by Smith and MIT.

The McMillan Cup, the New England and Middle Atlantic Intercollegiate Yawl Championship, was sailed in moderate to strong wind typical of the Chesapeake Bay. A six-race series with one throw out race was sailed in forty-four foot Luders yawls.

Paul Erb '76 skippered with

crews John Anderson '76, Louis Cohen '77, Chris Donnelly '77, Wally Corwin '78, Eric Greene '79, Bates McKee '79, and Walter Laird '79. MIT tied with Navy for fourth place in the ten school field. Additionally, MIT was the second place New England schools, and thereby qualified for the National Intercollegiate Yawl Championship (Kennedy Cup) next spring.

Sailed in strong winds and rain, the Nevins Trophy included competition in 420's (sloops similar to Larks), Interclubs, and singlehanded Lasers. Eleven schools from the east coast provided stiff competition throughout the two day regatta in New York.

Skippers Gary Smith '78 in A-Division and Bill Critch '77 in B-Division sailed with crews George Orlov '78 and Audrey Greenhill '78. Chris Berg '77 sailed singlehanded in the Laser Division. MIT finished sixth overall, with national power Tufts winning.

MIT also hosted fifteen schools in a Tech Dinghy Invitational on Saturday. Five races

were sailed in each division. John Stahr '78 with crew Spahr Webb '78 placed sixth in A-Division, and Bill Gooch '78 with Danny Leighton '77 crewing placed fourth. MIT finished sixth as a team.

Sporting Notices

Rosters for IM Basketball must be submitted to the IM Basketball mailbox in W32-121 by 5pm Wednesday, October 29. No further team entries will be accepted.

Captain clinics will be held Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm in room 1-230. Each team must send a representative to one of these clinics.

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Women's swimming team practice begins Monday, November 3, at 4pm at Alumni Pool. All interested in competing for the team should attend the first practice.

IM football results:

A-league

BSU 8-0 Trojans
LCA 23-0 DU

B-league

TDC Champions 13-0 PLP
ZBT (forfeit) SAE 'B'
Metallurgy 12-0 Chi Phi
Spanish Inquisition 26-0 PDT
Theta Chi 18-0 New III Stooges

C-league

Third East 20-0 Senior House
Epsilon Theta 7-6* No. 6 Club 'C'
Fiji 'C' 27-0 MacGregor 'F'
Held's Hackers 41-6 Baker Blowers
MacGregor 'H' Turkeys 7-6 Jack Florey
Burton I (forfeit) Navy
PBE 34-6 PDT
Math 27-0 Bexley
Sloan Bombers 6-0 MacGregor 'A'
BLOS 24-0 Fenway House
Baskirbaiters 7-6 Burton 'S' Smokers
*overtime

D-league

EC5W 27-0 McCormick
WC4 Players 12-0 Baker Breakers
Pi Kappa Alpha 12-12 Burton Smokers 'D'